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Dr. John W. Gowen
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Dear Dr. Gowen:

Thank you for your very cordial invitation to participate in the forthcoming Biostatistics Conference. I regret that I must decline.

If I am not mistaken, Dr. Crow has already communicated to Dr. Kempthorne some suggestions for suitable alternative speakers on microbiological population and genetic subjects. To these I should like to add Dr. F. J. Ryan of Columbia University who would be most apt to presenting these topics in a form conducive to a linkage of biology and biometry.

Yours sincerely,

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